It lon't the Doings of the Tammany Fire, but They Are Uneasy About the New District Attorney The Five Are Preparing, However, to Say "These Scalps Are thurs."

Chief Devery will wind up his vacation to-day and this morning will report for duty at headquarters, although he still has several days coming to him. There are two reasons for the Chief's determination. The first and most important one is that every important gambling house in the city is likely to close its doors and keep them closed for awhile. This condition will not be the result of Lewis Nixon's complaint to acting Chief Cortright of Wednesday last, but as forecast in THE SUN on Saturday, will be the result of the appointment of a new District Attorney. It was learned on the highest auyesterday that big gamblers who laughed at the complaint of Lewis Nixon and the Tammany five, had decided to close now, or at any rate as soon as the new man in . Chief Devery doesn't care to have the gambling houses that have flourished without interference under his rule close their doors suddenly, while he is away on a vacation, nor does Tammany care to have this Besides he is thoroughly tired of his term of idleness. He has never been fond of vacations; even when he was a captain he rarely took the time allowed to him by the rules of the Department. When he has taken a vacation, it has never been for more than a few days, and that time has been almost entirely spent in the city, and generally close to his post of duty. When he took a week last fall and went West to attend a convention of police chiefs, it was the first time that he had been out of town for a long time

The Chief was found yesterday at the Four Corners, smoking the usual fat black cigar. He was in an amiable frame of mind, but not disposed to answer questions. While he wouldn't say so in so many words he intimated that he would be back at his desk this morning. On all other matters touching the situation in the department created by his transfers nine days ago, he maintained a striot silence. An interview with Senator Platt printed in a morning paper, in which the Senator is alleged to have said that Devery would not be Chief of Police more than thirty days more, as legislation would remove him, was shown to the Chief. He looked at it, grinned and then said it was a matter he didn't care to discuss.

Lewis Nixon was asked yesterday what he thought of the fact that every gambling house in the city was open and doing business as usual on Saturday afternoon and night, despite his visit to acting Chief Cortright on Wednesday with a list of some forty houses which he declared must be closed. Mr Nixon said that he didn't know that the places were open. He was assured by reportors who had visited them that they were. He then said that all he and the Tammany committee of vice hunters could do was to make another effort to close the places.

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"I will know to-morrow absolutely," he said, "whether what you tell me is the case or not. We have a way of checking the reports of the police captains and if the places that I complained of to acting Chief Cortright were open on Saturday I will know it. That leaves me but one course, to complain straight to the captains of the precincts in which these place, are located, and then, if they don't close them to proceed with complaints against the captains. We think that we can close them to proceed with complaints against the captains. We think that we can close these places and we are going to keep right at it until we succeed.

There has been a great deal of comment about my visit to acting Chief Cortright with a list of gambling places on Wednesday. Why, I have been taking such lists to Chief Devery right along ever since our committee began work, and they have been acted on In the absence of the Chief I took a list to the acting Chief. Altogether we have information that there are about three hundred gambling houses and poolrooms in the city, and it is our intention to continue our work until we have closed every one of them. So far we have fled complaints with the police against about sixty of them. The other complaints will come as we get the evidence that the places are actually running.

The Tammany purifiers will hold a meeting at their headquarters at the Bowery and Spring street this afternoon at So'clock.

YORK'S BROOKLYN RAID.

"We Will Keep Brooklyn Clean," Says the Commissioner.

William H. Du Bois, the reputed proprietor of the gambling house at 41 Rockwell place. Brooklyn, was arraigned before Magistrate Brenner in the Adams street police court sambling house. He pleaded not guilty and was admitted to \$1,000 bail to appear for examination on Wednesday. The twelve men who were arrested at the same time were held

who were arrested at the same time were need in \$200 each.

The raid was planned by Commissioner Tork, who remained at Police Headquarters in Smith street on Saturday night until he had perfected all the arrangements. Police Captain John W. Eason had been instructed with the other captains on Saturday morning by Deputy Chief McLaughin to close up all gambling places in his precinct. He was slow to act, and inspector Brennan and the detectives from the Central Office were instructed by Commissioner York to make the raid. Every precaution was taken to prevent a tip from reaching the proprietor of the place. Commissioner York would not discuss the matter yesterday. He simply said: "We will keep Brooklyn clean."

BIG BAY HENRY I. TO BE SOLD. A Riding Horse That Has Done Police Duty for Over Twenty Years.

After more than twenty years of active service in the mounted squad of the Brooklyn police force Henry I. a handsome big bay horse at the Fort Hamilton station, is to be sold on account of age. Mounted Policeman Waring, who rode him for many years, says Henry I is about 25 years old, and when the mounted force was first introduced in Brooklyn he was the first horse chosen by the department. He was picked out of a number submitted for inspection by Henry I. Hayden, then Police Commissioner. The latter liked his tooks so much that he suggested the name of Henry I. For years afterward, it is said. Mr. Hayden used to inquire regularly about his namesake. Henry I has done duty in several precincts in Brooklyn, but when Fort Hamilton became a police precinct the old horse was sent there where his duties would not be so hard. The old horse was known to many persons at Fort Hamilton. Children used to feed him with apples and other fruit Henry I was very fond of his morning bath and at daybreak every morning when the weather was right he would take a dip in the surf, is the most intelligent animal I ever Henry I. is about 25 years old, and when the

weather was right he would take a dip in the surf.

"He is the most intelligent animal I ever saw," said Waring yesterday, "and it's like losing a dear friend to part with him. All the boys here will miss him and I'll feel lonesome without him."

The horse will be soid at auction some day this week and it is said that several persons interested in riding academies will try to buy him.

ARRESTS AMONG THE SHOPPERS. Ehrich's Detective Attacked With a Hatpin by

Mary E. Murray, the detective employed to watch the customers at Ehrich's store at Sixth avenue and Twenty-third street. arraigned two prisoners before Magistrate Zeller yesterday. One of them was Rose Mielot of 226 West Thirty-fourth street, a French girl who was unable to speak a word of English. Miss Murray said she saw the girl take a hatpin from the jewelry counter and stick it into the lapel of her coat. She

and stick it into the lapel of her coat. She followed the girl out of the store and on the Twenty-third street crossing seized the Mielot girl and asked the policeman to arrest her.

Before the policeman succeeded in making the arrest Miss Murray had to defend herself vigorously from Miss Mielot, who said afterward, that she thought she was being assaulted by a demented person. She used the pin which Miss Murray says was stolen as a weapon, and had it not been for the detective's corsat steels she might have been injured seriously. Miss Mielot told Magistrate Zeller yesterd'sy that she did not steal the pin and that she didn't think she ought to be arrested for wearing into Ehrich's store a pin like those for sale at the jewelry counter there. She was held for trial in \$300 bail. Miss Murray also accused Frederick Brown of 256 Eleventh avenue of stealing \$21 worth of laces and small articles on Saturday evening. About \$200 was found in Brown's clothes. Miss Murray says it was counterfeit money. Brown was held in \$300 bail for trial.

To Cure a Cold in One Day Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All drug-refund the money if it fails to cure E. W. re's signature is on each box 256-Ada

THE HON. W. P. GROTE IN DE ATE. Returns to the Surface of Politics and Sald Be After Engel's Shoes.

The Democratic party in "de A a" is going to be rehabilitated by no less a personage than the Hon W. F. Grote, who after years of retirement has again jumped into the political arena Mr Grote, who in politics and personal appearance was a develand man, rolled over the political horizon, outward bound, about the time that Mr. Cleveland did. But he has reappeared. As the original East Side Mugwump he had only a small following, but it held the balance of power in the Sixteenth Assembly district of which the Hon Pat Keenan is the Tammany Hall leader. It has been rumored around the East Side for the past few weeks that the Hon Martin Engel was to be re-

that the Hon Martin Engel was to be retired as leader of the Eighth Who was to be his successor was matter of conjecture. Some of the politicians believed that Senator John F Ahearn would succeed Engel Others thought that Florrie Sullivan would be designated to handle the district. The presence of "Fatty" Grote as a factor upset all calculations.

Grote walked down Essex street vesterday morning in a way that made Rosey the lawyer, exclaim: "Ain't he chesty?" Surrounding Rosey at the time were Cross-Eyed Senftman, the Hon. Max Hochstim, Pete the barber, Half Dollar Smith, Col. George Greenberg, Henry J. Goldsmith and the Hon. Martin Engel himself.

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"Keep mum until I find out," said Engel.

"Hay, Fatty, what's up?" asked Engel.

"I am here, said Grote, "to find out what you think of getting Gardiner on the blink."

"Are you here as a friend or are you here as an enemy?" asked Rosey the lawyer.

"I am here," said Grote, "to see what I can do for the Democratic party. I want to tell you one thing, that when my party is reorganized we will start right in here. We will reform you guys, and then get the guys with the money to come in with us."

Grote was entertained all day and all last night by the Martin Engel Association.

"I am here on official business," said Grote to a Sun reporter last night. "I am here to rehabilitate the organization. I believe with my friend Grover Cleveland that the only way to reform the party and put it on its feet is to return to original Democratic principles. Those principles I have not been able to exercise of late because the element to which I belong has been ignored by Tammany Hall. I expect that as an agent of the rehabilitated Democracy I can accomplish great things down this way. Us Mugwumps will be on top yet. You can say for me that when I say the word, either myself or Florrie Sullivan will take hold of the reorganized party in this district. I hate to see Engel get it in the neck, but it is politics."

TO KEEP OUT THE CRANKS.

The Rev. R. Heber Newton Does Not Want "Reformers" in the Civic Fede ration.

The Rev. R. Heber Newton, pastor of All Souls' Church, addressed the Committee of One Hundred of the Civic Federation last night at a meeting in the Social Reform Club's quarters, 45 University place, on what he considered the duties of the organization He said he understood that the Civic Federation proposed to form a central council composed of two delegates each from every labor organization and every reform association.

"I am not clear as to the wisdom of inviting members from all the reform organizations, he said. "All the cranks of the city would then be wanting to join the council. This would lead to foolish and wasteful discussions. If you want to do good work for the betterment of the city it is manifestly desirable to keep the crank element in the background and

the crank element in the background and make the council a thoroughly sane and rational body of men of practical aims and practical methods.

There had been many reform organizations connected each with some one association he said, but they were all sporadic affairs. He believed in the labor element starting the council, but not confining it to the labor element. He would invite the Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Trade, the Bar Association and other organizations of business men to join in the movement. It would be a class movement at the start, but the interest of one class could not be secured without the interest of another. The city was for every one.

STREET CAR STRIKE IN SCRANTON. Only Two Cars Run Over the Lines - Demands of Employees Refused.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec 23 - A strike went into effect on the lines of the Scranton Street Railway Company in this city at 5 o'clock this morning, and practically all the street car lines of the city have been tied up throughout the day About 400 men are out Two cars have been kept in motion, making unscheduled trips over all the lines, but they were run by Superintendent of Transporta tion Patterson and three of the official clerks Not over thirty people have ridden on them, and the strikers manifested a somewhat ugly spirit toward every one who became a

and the striker analysis and the passenger.

The tie-up has greatly inconvenienced the people and some of the suburban towns are already connected with the central city by bus lines. The only sign of disorder appeared in front of the county jail on Washington avenue. Here the tracks were obstructed by sticks and stones. When the employees on the car tried to clear away the obstruction they were hooted at by a gang of hoodlums. There was no show of violence. Late to-night the company expects to have two car loads of motormen and conductors from Philadelphia and promises to have some of its cars making regular trips to-morrow.

The labor organizations of the city are supporting the strikers. The street car employees recently made formal request for a ten-hour day at 20 cents an hour for all old conductors, and a sliding scale of wages for new men. The company returned its answer on Saturday, refusing all the demands of the men. The situation has also been complicated by the discharge of the chairman of the grievance committee because he was 'interfering too much with the company's business."

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NO MORE TUNNEL STRIKES.

Comprehensive Plan for General Agreements With All the Sub-Contractors.

John J. Pallas as chairman of a committee appointed last week by the Central Federated Union to try and bring about harmony between those employed on the Rapid Transit tunnel and the contractors reported yester-

tunnel and the contractors reported yesterday that a satisfactory arrangement was in sight. This arrangement would not only stop all present and pending strikes, but would be a check on all strikes until the underground road was completed. "Our committee," he said, "had several conferences with a representative of John B McDonald, the geheral contractor, who is in favor of a conference between all the sub-contractors and representatives of the unions likely to have men doing Rapid Transit work so as to have a general agreement as to prices. This agreement, it is proposed, will last until the road is completed. Mr. McDonald's representative believed that individual agreements with sub-contractors and their employees based on he particular system would lead to endless confusion and trouble, as there would be no fixed rule."

Palles went on to say that conferences between the representatives of the unions and the sub-contractors would be held the latter end of this week.

LABOR GRIEVANCE IN TEXAS.

Talk of General Strike Against Southwestern Telephone Company. DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 23 .- The trades assembly and the building trades council of Dallas, in joint secret meeting to-day, at Labor Temple, voted to request the State Federation of Labor at its annual meeting to open in San Antonio on Jan 14, 1901, to order a State sympathetic strike of all organized labor bodies in Texas against the Southwestern Telephone Company. The telephone company has been in a contest against the electrical workers' unions of the principal cities of the State for nearly two months.

Several weeks ago the Barbers' Union vas suspended by the Central Federated were in a non-union hall. Yesterday at the U meeting it was announced that her Barbers Union had been formed its delegate declared that it had mem-of all nationalities, who could speak lish, Russian, German, Italian, French

and hiddish.

There will be no excuse for non-union shaves now," he said, "and you wont have to walk half a mile to a union shop either."

A motion was passed calling on the delegates to patronize the new union.

WANTS NO PROTECTORATE.

HAVANA PAPER PROTESTS AGAINST THE

IDEA OF AMERICAL CONTROL. Relations to Be Maintained Between the Two Countries the Subject of Much Discussion Now -Humored Concessions by the Radicals The Coming Tobacco Crop.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
HAVANA, Dec. 23.—The Discussion publishes violent article repudiating any idea of an American protectorate over Cuba and says only the miserable followers of Weylerism wish it. It makes no reference to an article which appeared last week in the Lucha, accusing the so-called jacobin delegates to the Constitutional Convention of having agreed that the United States should keep Havana, Cienfuegos and Santiago.

These delegates say that the conservative papers are trying to excite the radicals so that they will openly declare their intentions regarding the relations that are to exist be ween Cuba and the United States. If this is the case, they have not succeeded. The radicals confine themselves to generalities. The delegates say that nothing has been settled regarding the relations between the two countries. Judging from the projects presented the Constitutional Convention will provide for a sovereign republic

with Ambassadors abroad. It is possible that the silence of the radical organs has induced some persons to believe that the radical delegates have decided to accept the intervention of the United States in regard to Cuba's foreign relations and loans, and some Cubans say that these delegates have declared in private that they are ready to make these concessions. It is not likely, however, that if the delegates are ready to do this that they would confess it until they had sounded the wishes of the people. Others deny that the radicals are ready to make

any concessions. The local newspapers are doleful regarding the coming tobacco crop. They say that half of last year's crop is still unsold and that prices are likely to be very low. The representative of a large cigar house says that about 200,000 bales are still unsold, and that this is largely owing to the South African war. If this war and the Chinese troubles end the balance of last year's crop and this year's production should be easily sold. He added that prices will go down to the normal figure

Another dealer says that this year's crop is only half as large as last year's owing to the fact that many growers, disgusted by being unable to sell their last year's product, have not planted this year. He anticipates good prices.

COST OF SOUTHERN SCHOOLS. Far Less Spent on Negroes, but Many More Attend Than Do Whites.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 28 .- The annual report of the Superintendent of Education makes some ourious exhibits as to the relative cost of educating the two races in the public schools and the different degrees of interest taken in education by negroes and whites.

The cost of the negro schools, attended by 155,602 children, was \$202,171, or a fraction less than \$1.30 a pupil for the school year. The expense of the white public schools was \$700.540, and these were attended by 126.895

Stoo.540, and these were attended by 126.895 children, costing \$5.54 a pupil. Thirty thousand more negroes than whites are receiving a common school education at three and a half times less cost to the State.

There is little or no difference in the expense in the rural districts, where the salaries of the white teachers are but little more than the colored, but there is a larger attendance at the colored schools. The difference in cost is in the more expensive equipment and machinery in the white schools. For example, in Charleston the white schools are attended by 4,502, the colored by 7,709, and the cost of Charleston's white schools is \$87,420, the colored, \$12,079.

The fact that negroes are more generally taking advantage of opportunities to obtain common school education than the whites is proved by the reports from the overwhelmingly "white" counties of the Piedmont district. North Carolina. In York county, with a large white majority, 5,979 negroes and 4,066 whites attend school, the cost of instruction for negroes being but \$6,934, that of the whites and 4,827 negroes is the record. In Spartanburg with four times greater. In Fairfield 1,642 whites and 4,827 negroes is the record. In Spartanburg with four times as many whites as negroes, \$3,305 whites and 5,062 negroes were in the schools.

STATE BANKS OF DISCOUNT.

\$29,000,000 Sino: Sept. 4. ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 23 -Superintenden of State Banks F. D. Kilburn has completed

his summary showing the aggregate of resources and liabilities of the 200 State banks of discount at the close of their business on Dec. 4, as exhibited by their reports to the department. The figures follow:

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date of the last previous report, these banks have shown an increase in resources of \$29.-631.crs. The amount due depositors has ount due depositors increased \$37,501,275.

OBITUARY.

Henry flannah of 52 West Sixty-eighth street, died yesterday in a private sanitarium in West Forty-seventh street of kidney discase. He was a bachelor 61 years old and had had an active business career in foreign commerce. He was first a member of the firm of H. H. Smith & Co., engaged in the South American trade. Subsequently he was interested in the banking concern of Muller & Brown and after that became a member of the firm of Russell & Co., engaging extensively in the China trade and assisting in the establishment of a bank in Hong Kong and Shanghai. Seven years ago he went to Java a the representative of the Standard Oil Company and was instrumental in winning the Java oil trade from Russia for this country. He returned to the United States two years ago on account of ill health.

Joseph L. Spofford died yesterday at his home, Elmwood, Hunts Point, West Chester, He was the son of Paul Spofford by his second wife, Susan B. Spring. His father, who was born in 1792 in Massachusetts came to this city eighty years ago and became one of the most prominent merchants and shipping men of his time. Joseph L. Spofford married Cecila Haws, by whom he had a son, Paul Cecil Spofford. He was a merchant, with offices at 29 Broadway, and a member of the Union Club.

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Dr. John E. Losee, one of the oldest and most prominent physicians in northern l'utchess county, died in Saturday at his home in typer Hed Hook, aged 74 years. He had practised his profession for forty-seven years in that locality. He was born in Saratoxa county, New York, and graduated from the Albany Medical College in 1852. After several months in the old New York Hospital in 1852 he entered active practice in Upper Red Hook. His two sons are physicians.

Major Theodore L. Poole, United States Marshal for the Northern district of New York, and former Congressman, fell dead yesterday morning at his home in Syracuse. He had been in ill health for some time. Major Poole was a veteran of the Civil War and a prominent G. A. R. man, In 1894 he was elected to Congress from the Twenty-seventh district, but in 1896 was defeated for reelection by James J. Belden. He was named as Marshal for the Northern district this year.

Thomas Bond, a retired merchant, died Thomas Bond, a retired merchant, died yesterday at his home, 33 Mount Morris Park West. He was born in West Brookline, Mass., 89 years ago and came to this city when 21 years old. He was a member of the New England and American Bible Societies and was formerly the presiding elder of the University Place Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Emma A. Ko f., who was burned to death at her home, 57 West Ninety-second street, was a contraito singer well known for her work in the choirs of nearly all the Lutheran Churches in the city. She was the wife of Frederick Ko-f, a lawyer employed in the office of Edward K. Jones, 52 Cedar street.

HUB THE MANHATTAN CLUB. Of a Great Party Nevolution Some Other Day Mr. Perry Belmant Predicts.

The gathering at the Manhattan Club or Saturday evening was one of the pleasantest social affairs of the year, but as far as its political significance went it did not fulfil the predictions of certain members of the organization, who for three weeks previous had declared that at the celebration the oldline Democrats would throw defiance at Bryanism in the nation and Crokerism in the State. These prophets had told all who cared to hearken to their words that the Democrate who frequent the Manhattan Club were going to declare themselves when they celebrated its thirty-fifth anniversary in favor of oldtime Democracy. The officers of the club. when they were asked about such a pro-They said that all they expected the celebration to bring about was a reunion

the celebration to bring about was a reunion of good fellows who wouldeneet in a social way and have a pleasant evening. The expectations of the club officials were fulfilled. Every one had a good time.

Last evening the persons who were most conspicuous in telling about the great political revolution that was to be accomplished at the celebration bobbed up again. They said that no politics had been permitted at the meeting, because it was so soon after election that any politics that might have appeared there might have been colored by personal feeling.

But, said these persons, there will be another gathering at the Manhattan Club before the first three months of the next century have passed, at which will be present all the big Democrats who are anxious to reorganize the party in the nation. State and city. They will talk about Democracy and what they say will be interesting. All of them will be willing to have their names printed.

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of them will be willing to have their names printed. One of the gentlemen responsible for the above prediction is ascertained to be Mr. Perry Belmont. Mr. Belmont voted with Mr. Croker at Saratoga last summer, both at the preliminary meeting of the Democratic State Committee and the Democratic State Convention, and was a delegate to the Kansas City Convention of the National Democrats and voted with Mr. Croker in the convention to support the Bryan doctrines of 1896. A member of the club, who heard of the prediction, said:

"Yes, it is rather early in the game for Mr. Belmont to say that he and others who supported Bryan are to come out as the purified Democracy. It is rather early isn't it? Mr. Belmont was all right when Mr. Croker made him President of the Democratic Club. Mr. Croker displaced Mr. Belmont for John W. Relier, and now Mr. Belmont for John W. Relier, and now Mr. Belmont seems to believe the Manhattan Club is the spot where he can most conveniently talk."

OLD MURDER MYSTERY EXPLAINED German Ranchman Killed IIIs Wife for Love of Another Woman.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 23 .- Four years ago Mrs. Ludwig Wurl, the wife of a wealthy German ranchman living near Tie Siding, thirty miles west of Cheyenne, was murdered one evening while going from the house to a barn. The murderer used an ax with which he hacked the body to pieces, leaving the weapon sticking in the head of his victim. The murdered woman's husband and a hired man named Hans Delfs were supposed to

The murdered woman's husband and a hired man named Hans Delfs were supposed to have been on the road from the ranch to Laramie at the time the crime was committed. As the house was ransacked from top to bottom and a tin chest containing money had disappeared the authorities were of the opinion that robbery was the motive for the crime. A year after the murder Hans Delfs committed suicide, and until this time the many detectives at work on the case had not secured a single clue. On his death bed Delfs confessed that he had taken his life because he had murdered a defenceless woman and could not longer stand the thought of his horrible crime.

A year ago word was received from South Africa that Ludwig Wurl, who went to that country, shortly after the death of his wife in company with a Mrs Kruger, a relative of President Kruger of the South African Republic, had died by his own hand.

A few days ago a letter was received here by a prominent German resident from a friend in Germany, in which the writer stated that Mrs. Kruger had told him that Wurl murdered his wife, and was assisted by Delfs in the commission of the crime. On his death bed Wurl, who had married Mrs. Kruger shortly after their arrival in South Africa, confessed to her that he had committed the murder. His only reason for wanting his wife out of the way was because he loved Mrs. Kruger and because the latter would have nothing to do with him so long as his wife was alive. Mrs. Kruger said she was in total ignorance of Wurl's crime until he made his confession, and supposed that Mrs. Wurl had been murdered by a highwayman.

The disclosures have caused a sensation throughout this section as the Wurls and Mrs. Kruger were well connected and wealthy.

SPEARING EELS.

Big Catches Made as Soon as Ice Forms-York the Best Market for Thom.

GREENWICH, Conn., Dec. 22 .- Spearing els has been the chief occupation of the Sehermen of this locality for the past week and many hundred pounds have been taken from the sait water ponds and rivers. "Spearing eels is lots of sport," said an

old fisherman to-day, "but it takes an expert to obtain satsfactory results." When the ice forms on the streams and harbors salt water eels are at their best. and the men and boys engaged in catching

them get more of them and sell them at better prices than at any other time in the year. They have had phenomenal luck this week. As soon as the ice is strong enough over the salt water ponds and streams, when the eels migrate when cold weather sets in and bury themselves in the mud, the eel fishermen chop holes in the ice, and with long sticks

chop holes in the ice, and with long sticks pointed with sharp iron, they await the cels which wriggle to heles and make jabs at them with the sticks. A good fisherman usually empoles the squirming creature and lands it on the ice and then is prepared for the next One man caught twenty dozen one day thi week, and, as we sell for 10 cents a pound in New York markets where none of them caught here are sent, he made a good day's pay, as each one averaged two pounds. Other catches, almost as large, were also made, and bushels of them have been sent to New York for use in the hist-priced restaurants and hotels. The best cels caught are taken from the Miarus River, there being no sewerage or refuse poluting this stream.

CANADIAN TROOPS GET HOMB. Col. Otter and 300 Men Reach Halifa x From

South Africa HALIPA , N. S., Dec. 28.—Col. Otter, who commanded the first Canadian contingent for South Africa, reached here by the steame Lake Champlain to-day with 800 of his men Most of the battalion came home at the end of the year, but these 300 enlisted to stay as much longer as they should be required.

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Col. Otter gives the following figures of the
losses of his battalion in South Africa;
"We last killed in action and died of disease. One was accidentally killed. We had
120 wounded, 350 were invalided and there
were 400 cases of fever. The regiment held
itts own well with the best infantry battalions
in the army and i think it established a first
class reputation. It smarching powers
were particularly remarked upon by British
officers.

officers.

There was plenty of competition with other regiments in this and we always held our own and a little more. It is not for me to discuss the regiment's fighting powers, but onstrated at Paardeberz, where Lord Roberts acknowledged that we had put the finishing stroke to Cronje's force."

STATE USE FOR THIS BRIBE. Montana Will Spend the \$31,000 on an Exhibit

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 28 -Two years ago tate Senator Whiteside, in a joint assembly of the Montanna Legislature and as the balloting for United States Senator was about to begin, arose and depositing \$31,000 in bills on the Speaker's desk, declared that they had been given to him by J. R. Wellcome to purchase the votes of four legislator in the interest of W. A. Clark's candidacy for the Senatorship. By resolution of the Legislature this money was deposited with the State Treasurer for safe keeping. Since then he has been fairly deluged with communications recommending all sorts of uses to which it should be put, all of which were, of course, ignored.

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It is now stated that the money will be used in providing a suitable State exhibit at the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, N. Y. The State Commission will so recommend at its next meeting and will also ask for an additional \$20,000. The large mining companies of the State will also furnish independent exhibits

ROW IN ST. PAUL'S, LONDON.

ANTPRITUALIST CHUSADER INTERRUTTE ORDINATION BERVICES.

Protests Against Two of the Candidates and Congregation Cries "Shame" When the Assistant Bishop Declares That He Will Ordain Them - Protester Then Withdraws. Special Cable Despatch to THR SUN.

LONDON, Dec. 23.-Much excitement was caused at the ordination of twenty-six priests at St. Paul's Cathedral this morning by J W. Kensit, the anti-ritualist crusader who protested against two of the candidates for alleged ritualistic practices. There was a large congregation. Mr. Kensit made long address to the Right Rev. Alfred Barry, Assistant Bishop of London, who was officiating for Bishop Creighton, who is still ill. tating his objection to the two candidates. Bishop Barry replied: "You have shown nothing against the personal character of dates, and I shall ordain them.

The Bishop's answer was received with shoute of "shame" by some of the congregation, which ircluded many sympathizers with Mr. Kenait. The latter tried to speak further, when four vergers advanced and were about to push him from the chancel. One of them took hold of his coat, when a number of the congregation shouted loudly "hands The vergers stood hesitating as to what they should do. Mr Kensit thereupon withdrew with a score of his followers The congregation, who were standing excitedly watching the proceedings, quieted down after the withdrawal of Mr. Kensit and the service proceeded.

BRITISH OBJECTION TO THE TREATY The "Times! Complains Because the President. Has Submitted It to England.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 24 .- The Times, taking its cue from its New York correspondent, is inclined to assum that Mr. McKinley has decided to communicate the amended Hay-Pauncefote Treaty to Great Britain for reasons that are mainly concerned with his domestic policy. It says:

"President McKinley, our correspondent observes, never accepts responsibility that he can devolve on others. He now devolves upon us the responsibility of dealing from an international point of view with a proposal he might have kept within the domain of domestic affairs by the exercise of a little firmness

The fact is to be regretted for questions which may be settled without serious consequences in that domain not infrequently afford mischief-makers an opportunity when treated between nations, however friendly they may be with each other. Mr. McKinley doubtless is conscious of this truth, but has chosen, nevertheless, to send us the treaty and must bear the responsibility for any friction that may ensue.

The Times lengthily discusses the action of the Senate on similar lines as in the cas of the Davis amendment and reaches this

"It is a bargain to which we cannot agree and to which no reasonable American who takes the trouble to reflect on our side of the question can expect us to agree. If any Americans are disappointed in the result they have only themselves to thank.

"They acknowledge that if they were in our place they would not think of assenting to the one-sided arrangement thrus upon them by the other party to a binding treaty in opposition to that treaty, to their interest and to their wishes. They cannot reasonably expect us to do what they would not do themselves."

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY PROGRESS. Messages Received Simultaneously by Prof. Slaby's System.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN BERLIN, Dec. 23 .- Prof. Slaby lectured here Saturday on his discoveries in wireless teleg raphy. Emperor William and a number of military and naval officers, savants and engineers attended. Prof. Slaby announced that he and Count Arco by minutely studying transmitter had discovered means for rethe impossibility of telegraphing simultaneously from several stations to a commo one by a single wire. He contended that Marconi's method utilizes the very part of the transmitting wire which is the least fitted for the purpose, the other, or the free end of

the same wire, producing the greatest effect. Prof. Slaby exhibited his instruments, by which, by the use of an electric spiral coll which he calls a multiplicatory, he extraordinarily increases the effectiveness of the system. Demonstrations were made with two stations, respectively fourteen and four kilometres distant, which were connected with the lecture hall. Messages were received from these stations simultaneously and ten times quicker than by the present system.

LONDON BANK TO QUIT. Announces That Competition and Forgeries Have Made Profitable Business Impessible.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 28 .- The Cheque Bank an nounces that it is going into voluntary liquilation. The bank is solvent and every creditor will be fully paid. It is stated, further-more, that a considerable sum will be distributed among the shareholders, although some will inevitably lose

The directors say that the competition o ther banks, their system of competition with the Post Office and numerous forgeries have made a continuance of profitable business mpossible

POPE THINKS OF A SUCCESSOR. His Remark While Inspecting the Preparation for the Holy Door Ceremony.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. ROME. Dec. 23.-The Pope spent an hour to-day inspecting the stones that will be sed Christmas eve in filling in the Holy Door at St. Peter's, and in reading the inscriptions on them he mused aloud, saying: I wonder if the Pope who will knock this n at the next opening of the door is among the present members of the Sacred College. His Holinesss has been resting for the last few days in preparation for the fatiguing ceremony in connection with the closing

Berlin Rumor About the Canal. Special Calle Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Dec. 24.-A despatch to the Standard from Berlin says it is rumored that the Central American republics are about to withdraw their assent to the construction of a canal by the United States because they disapprove the alterations made by the American Senate in the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

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SKIPPED WITH BRIDE'S URNITURE. Bridegroom Didn't Walt for the Ceremony

William Henry Wallace, negro, wooed and won Mary Thomas, of the same color. They were to have been married last Thursday. Mary, being more thrifty than William, had a flat of her own at 127 West 128th street and she had paid for every stick of furniture in it, also the plush album and the crayon protrait of herself peeping from behind a

It was an idea of a home without an installment plan feature that attracted Wallace. With money borrowed from the prospective bride he bought her an engagement ring to show that he was sincere.

On the day before the day set for the ceremony, Wallace called at Mary's flat and offered to keep house for her while she went down town to get any little trifle needed to complete her trousseau. He borrowed the ring before she went saying that he wanted to have "Willie and May" engraved Inside it.

When the flancee returned from her shopping trip with some yards of ribbon and marriage certificate blank decorated with doves and forget-me-nots she found a flat stripped clean of all the furniture. William Henry Wallace was gone too and the neighbors told her that he had driven off with all her goods, including the ring, in an express wagon.

The police learned the rest of the story at Mary's request. They found that Walace had sold all the furniture in Eighth avenue and by lavish expenditure of the proceeds had won the affections of another girl downtown. He was caught last night and looked up in the West 125th street station. The Sergeant let Mary Thomas look through the bars of his cell and gloat for five minutes.

HEPBURN'S VIEW OF THE TREATY. Tells Nicaraguan Minister Great Britain Gets Just What She Wants.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 .- "I have received call from Minister Corea of the Republic f Nicaragua," said Congressman Hepburn of Iowa, Chairman of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce and author of the Hepburn Nicaraguan Canal bill. "Minister Corea stated that he had been instructed by the President of Nicaragua to inform me that he and all of the people of that republic appreciated my work in carrying through the House a bill for an interoceanio canal. I thanked him, but stated that I had been merely an instrument in carrying out the almost unanimous wil of the people of the United States, telling him that the great trip of the battleship Oregon at the beginning of hostilities with Spain had shown to all of our people the

necessity of an interoceanic canal. "Minister Corea was surprised, however when I told him that the much-vaunted treaty with Great Britain would bring neither to the United States nor to Nicaragau any special advantages in the matter of the properties of the electric waves from the or subsidies. I explained to him that sect ion 6 of the treaty contained all that Great Britain had been struggling for, and that Great Britain did not care a rap for the super-seding of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty so long as she secured section 6 in the present treaty.

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"When I explained the mafter he was charrined to know that Great Britain had simply been playing a diplomatic game of arithmetic and percentages. Great Britain receives 17 per cent annually on the \$50,000,000 which she has invested in the Suez Canal. That power sees that hundreds of thousands of tonnage will annually be diverted from the Suez to the Nicaraguan Canal. The loss to Great Britain will be very appreciable. It may be five years, or it may be ten or twenty years hence that this will occur. But Great Britain's diplomats look very far into the future) Therefore it is that Great Britain has outwitted our great Secretary of State, and successfully managed our great Senate, in a sense, so that seh gets exactly what she wants) Great Britain scared our statesmen and diplomats with bug-a-boos, and when they had eliminated those bug-a-boos from the treaty, the Senate went to work and adopted a treaty which just suits Great Britain: giving her just what she wants.

"Of course there will be delay and Great Britain will keep up the game of pretending that this country has done an unneighborly thing. But the Foreign Office in London is happy and it ought to be."

WIFE POUND IN THE LIQUOR WARD

By an Excite! Man in Evening Clothes, Who Said He'd Been Seeking Her Three Days. A hansom drove up to the Bellevue Hospital gate at 10 o'clock last night and a man in evening clothes and wearing a high hat jumped out and ran into the clerk's office He was very much excited and without ex-plaining who he was he shouted:

"Is my wife here? If she is I'll get her I'll pay \$5,000 to have her taken from this place. I must see her at once. When the clerk asked a few questions the man caimed down somewhat. Then he said that he wanted to see Louisa Pomeroy and that he was her husband. The clerk told him that Louisa Pomeroy, 21 years old, who gave her address as 225 Seventh avenue, had been sentenced in Yorkville police court on Friday to pay a fine of \$10 or spend ten days in the workhouse for being drunk and disorderly. Not having the money to pay the fine, as she was suffering from alcoholism she was sent to Bellevue.

"That's my wife," said the man, "and she disappeared on Friday morning. I haven't had a wink of sleep since."

He was taken to the alcoholic ward and there was an affectionate meeting between him and the woman. He said he would pay the fine and take his wife away at once. The clerk advised him to wait until morning as the woman's clothes were locked up in the workhouse.

"Oh, that's nothing." he replied. "I'll get some clothes and take her home in a cab." When the clerk asked a few questions the

After kiesing the woman he drove away in the cab. He hadn't returned at 1 o'clock this mornid.

SPEAKER HENDERSON'S CALL. Breaks Social Engagements to Visit an Injured Veteran.

WASHINGTON, Dec 23. - Speaker Henderson lost a leg in battle in the Civil War, and his sympathies are always stirred by any story of the suffering of any of his old comrades. Crippled as he is, the Speaker to-day laid aside all of the burdens of statesman-

laid aside all of the burdens of statesmanship, broke all social engagements, and went to the bedside of an old soldier from lowa who is seriously injured, aged, and helpless. Greater honor could be paid to no man in a republic like this, than that the Speaker of the House of Representatives should come to him personally with assurances of friendship and commiseration.

Major George H. Morisey of Manchester, Ia. was struck by a metropolitan street car near the Baltimore and Ohio depot on Saturday evening and his left hip was fractured. He is 65 years of age, and not naturally strong physically. He had an excellent record for bravery during the Civil War, and manifested several feats of daring at important crises. Speaker Henderson, only two weeks ago, had him placed on the persentatives. To-day he called on the old soldier, sat with him for an hour or more and showed his hearty sympathy.

POLITICAL NOTES.

Bryan's vote in Ohio in 1900 was exactly the same

The Democrats of Hawaii did not make a very good showing at the Territorial election there in No ember. Their candidate for delegate to Congress was third in the race. Complete election returns from all the islands gave Robert Wilcox, nominee of the native party, a majority of 316 for the term in sixth Congress unexpired term. The Republican candidate was third. It would appear from all this stock in the idea that the Democrats are their great and good friends, to use the phrase that attracted so much attention during the Cleveland Administra

Franklin county N. V. with an area of 1 800 square alles, is one of the largest counties in New York. Fulton county, with an area of 560 square nitles s one of the smallest. They have, by the Federal ensus, almost exactly the same population, Franklin, 42,853, and Fulton, 42,842. Another point of esemblance between them is the fact that both Fulton and Franklin counties are very strongly Republican

The paramount issue in the Thirty fourth Assembly listrict of New York is the closing of the Mott Haven Canal. A commission was actually appointed last year to aid in its abandonment, but the canal remains undisturbed, a menace to health, business and sightliness, as it has been for many years.

If the fuss attending the removal from a \$2,700 lerkship in the Custom House of Thomas J. Dunn, Tammany Democrat, who had held it for a number of years, is to be accepted as a sample of the reluctance f Tammany Hall men to surrender political offices the city administration following the Mayoralty by martial law.

Wharton Barker, on the Middle-of-the Road Populist ticket, received 638 votes for President of the United States in Pennsylvania, of which State he has long been a resident. Populists were never so numerous in Pennsylvania as Prohibitionists. The vote of the latter in the Keystone State for President was 28,000. One appropriation in next year's budget is \$14,400

for the pay of general interpreters in the borough

of inspectors and sealers of weights and measures.

There is also an appropriation of \$20,000 for the pay

Brooklyn. Another item is \$27,000 for the pay

of the fees of witnesses subportated by the people in criminal cases within the county of New York. Next year's budget is very much larger than the general expectation concerning it formed a year ago. lection of New York, the chief State of the East, and of Illinois, the chief State of the West, had a decided resemblance. The Democratic candidate for President, Bryan, had a comparatively small majority in New York city and no majority at all in the borough of Brooklyn, whereas Stanchfield, the Democratic candidate for Governor, had a large majority, 40,000, in the city, and carried all five boroughs of it. In Illinois. Bryan was defeated in Chicago but Alachuler, the

in New York and Chicago who did not support the national ticket appears to have been considerable. This is Commissioner H. S. Kearney's estimate of the amount of ice required for public buildings and armories for 1900: Manhattan and The Bronz, \$5,500; ooklyn, \$2,000; Queens, \$1,800; total, \$

large majority. The number of Democratic voters

Silver hating cups are being exchanged among the Tammany district leaders.

The total vote of Richmond borough at this year's There are more changes in the Ohio Congressional

lelegation than in that of any other State this year. did not make much of a show this year. In Connecti-cut their candidate received 30 votes. In Messachusetts he received 342 and in Ohio 240. The whole voting fo co of the anti-imperialist Nationals could not have been less than 1,111 in the United States

receives \$55,000 for such county expenses as the office of Sheriff, District Attorney and County Clerk, comparatively small sum in a budget of nearly \$100,000,000. Richmond has less population than any other subdivision of New York.

Under this year's tax budget, Richmond county

The sum of \$50,000 is to be devoted under the provisions of the law of 1897 to the establishment of Sil-

ver Lake Park in the borough of Richmond. The Governor of Virginia has issued a call for the Legislature to meet in extraordinary session on Jan. 23. The object of the meeting is to make arrange ments for assembling a Constitutional Convention in accordance with the vote of the election of May last. The next regular session of the Virginia Legis-lature will be in November, 1901. There will be an election for Governor of Virginia in December next.

that the Social Democratic party polled 13,260 votes and therefore it gets a place on the ticket without the need of nomination papers. The Socialist Labor party drops from its vote of 10,778 in 1899 to 8,784 this year and loses the privilege referred to It is some years since the Democrats of Brooklyn

The returns of the Massachusetts election show

have had the choice of a leader on the floor of the Assembly. The place of minority leader goes to Assembly man John McKeown of the Second Kings district this year. He has served six terms in the

Deputy Attorney-General Parsons Resigns.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 28.-Frank M. Parsons

of Weedsport, has resigned as Third Deputy Attorney-General in order to resume his private law practice. Mr Parsons has been a Deputy Attorney-Gener al for seven years.

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